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Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State plan amendment (SPA) 04-009, regarding provider qualifications for behavioral health practitioners. I am approving this SPA with the requested effective date of July 1, 2004.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ronald Reepen at (415) 744-3601.

Sincerely,

Pat Daley

for Linda Minamoto
Associate Regional Administrator
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Enclosure

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services as part of their respective area of practice (e.g., psychologists providing a behavioral health evaluation).

Outpatient Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy Services. Outpatient speech, occupational and physical therapy services include individual and group therapy (e.g., neuromuscular re-education, wheel chair management, aural rehabilitation). These services are covered in accordance with the requirements in 42 CFR § 440.110. Providers of therapy services must be registered with AHCCCS and be state-licensed occupational therapists, physical therapist or speech-language pathologists. In addition, persons who have a Provisional Speech and Language Impaired Certificate must be supervised by an American Speech and Language Hearing Association-certified pathologist.

Nursing Services. Nursing services include direct nursing care services as identified in the IEP such as catheterization, suctioning and medication management, individual student health training and counseling, and training and oversight of school-based attendants. These services are covered in accordance with the requirements in 42 CFR § 440.130. School nursing personnel must follow the guidelines for care produced by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504. Providers of nursing services must be registered with AHCCCS and be state-licensed as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.

Transportation Services. Transportation services will be provided in compliance with HCFA policy and will be paid for when an eligible member's need for special transportation is specified in the IEP. These services are covered in accordance with the requirements in 42 CFR § 441.62.. These services will only be reimbursed on the same day in which the member obtains another Medicaid covered reimbursable service through the LEA. Transportation services are not covered if the eligible member is transported on a school bus with other non-IDEA eligible students who are attending school. The LEA must be registered with AHCCCS as a transportation provider and must meet the same provider qualifications as all AHCCCS Medicaid transportation providers (e.g., proof of insurance and licensure of school bus drivers).

Behavioral Health Services. Behavioral health services include individual/group therapy, counseling and training, behavioral management, psychosocial rehabilitation and emergency and crisis stabilization. These services are covered in accordance with the requirements in 42 CFR § 440.130. Behavioral health providers must be registered with AHCCCS and be AHCCCS recognized independent practitioners, i.e., state licensed psychiatrists, state licensed Ph.D. psychologists and Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners licensed marriage and family therapists, professional counselors and independent social workers. In addition, school-based school psychologists or school-based guidance counselors who are certified by the Arizona

6. Medical care and any other types of remedial care recognized under State law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by State law.

6a. Podiatrists' services.

Podiatry services when provided by a licensed podiatrist.

In order for a member to receive routine foot care, the member must be receiving medical treatment from a primary care provider for a systemic disease which is of such severity that performance of foot care services by a non-professional would be hazardous to the member.

6b. Optometrists' services.

Optometrists' services when they are provided by a licensed optometrist. See section 12d for limitations on eyeglasses and contact lenses.

6d. Other practitioners' services.

Other practitioners' services provided by:

- i. Respiratory Therapists
- ii. Certified Nurse Practitioners
- iii. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
- iv. Non-physician First Surgical Assistants
- v. Physician Assistants
- vi. Licensed midwives within the limitations provided in the AHCCCS policy and procedures
- vii. Non-physician behavioral health professionals, as defined in rule, when the services are provided by social workers, physician assistants, psychologists, counselors, registered nurses, certified psychiatric nurse practitioners, behavioral health technicians, and other approved therapists who meet all applicable state standards. Except for behavioral health services provided by psychologists, certified psychiatric nurse practitioners and physician's assistants supervised by AHCCCS registered psychiatrists, licensed independent social workers, licensed marriage/family therapists, and licensed professional counselors, all non-physician behavioral health professional services shall be provided by professionals affiliated with an approved behavioral health setting in accordance with AHCCCS policies and procedures.